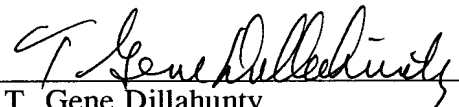


REMARKS

Prior to examination of the present application, please cancel claims 1 to 10, and amend claims 11, 13 and 15 as set forth above. New claim 16 has been added. Support for this amendment is found at page 8, lines 15 to 18 of the specification.

If in the event that there are any questions concerning this response or the above-identified application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that the prosecution may be expedited.

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